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Document 1: Published Patent H7-47268 [Figs. 7-9 and Figs. 1-5 (and corresponding explanations)]

Document 2: Japanese Utility Model No. 2602493 [mainly Figs. 1, 4, and 5 (and corresponding explanations)]

Document 3: U.S. Patent No. 5,746,420 [mainly Figs. 1-5 (and corresponding explanations)]

Document 4: Published Patent H6-42969 [mainly Figs. 1-4 and Figs. 5-7 (and corresponding explanations)]

Document 5: Japanese Utility Model No. 2506354 [mainly Fig. 1 (and corresponding explanation)]

Document 6: Laid-open Japanese Patent Application 2002-89509 [mainly Figs. 2 and 3 (and corresponding explanations)]

Document 7: Laid-open Japanese Patent Application 2002-96231 [mainly Figs. 1 and 2 (and corresponding explanations)]

[Reasons for submission]

(A) The inventions relating to claims 1 to 18 of the present application (Laid-open Japanese Patent Application 2006-510597) cannot be patented due to lack of novelty (or inventive step) in relation to the invention described in any one of Documents 1-5.

(B) Figs. 2-4 relating to the embodiments of the present application describe an invention wherein "a piston member 4 is caused to move toward a base end (downward in Figs. 2-4), thereby clamp driving an engagement part 25 of a clamp rod 3." However, because the invention is merely the selection of a well-known art and thus lacks novelty (or inventive step), it cannot be patented. For example, Document 6 (Fig. 3) shows an invention wherein "a piston 20 is caused to move toward a leading end (left side in Fig. 3), thereby clamp driving a clamping tool (clamping arm) 10." Further, Document 7 (Fig. 2) describes an invention wherein "a piston 20 is caused to move toward a base end (right side in Fig. 2), thereby clamp driving a clamping arm 10."



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【提出の理由】

(A) 本願(特願2006-510597)の請求項1から18に係る各発明は、上記▲1▼~ ▲5▼のいずれか一つの文献に記載された発明と比べると、新規性(又は進歩性)が欠如しているため、特許を受けることができない。(B) 本願の実施例に係る図2~図4には、「ピストン部材4を基端方向(図2~図4中の 下方)へ移動させることによってクランプロッド3の係合部25をクランプ駆動する」旨の発明が記載されている。しかしながら、その発明は、周知技術を単に選択した事項に過ぎず、新規性(又は進歩性)が欠如しているため、特許を受けることができない。例えば、前記文献▲6▼の図3には、「ピストン20を先端方向(図3中の左方)へ移動させることによってクランプ具(クランプアーム)10をクランプ駆動する」旨の発明が記載され、また、前記文献▲7▼の図2には、「ピストン20を基端方向(図2中の右方)へ移動させることによってクランプアーム10をクランプ駆動する」旨の発明が記載されている。